

Police Seek Leaving-the-Scene Complaint

Ted Kennedy Escapes, Woman Dies As Car Plunges Into Vineyard Pond



CAR SEN. KENNEDY DROVE IS PULLED FROM POND
... spectators watch from bridge. (AP)

'There's a Car in the Water'

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CHAPPAQUIDDICK ISLAND—It was Saturday morning, a day of rest for some people, but not for Tony Bettencourt, caretaker of the island dump.

Every day is a work day for Tony in the Summers, even Sundays, because the folk who come down to the island for their vacations make a mess at the dump, and the sea gulls pick the garbage bags apart and spread the refuse all over the place, and Tony has to rake it all up and shovel it back where it belongs.

Chappaquiddick Island doesn't have any stores on it or gas stations. It has a fire station though, big enough for a single fire truck, pride and joy of the seven families who live on the island year

around. And it has the dump, which is a pretty big responsibility for Tony Bettencourt, especially in July and August when there are so many Summer folk on the island.

Yesterday morning Tony drove his four-wheel-drive beach jeep down the dirt road to the dike bridge to pick up Johnny Smith, just as always.

Johnny, who helps Tony rake up the dump, is 14 years old, son of Rev. David Smith, and when Tony drove up to his house at 9 a.m. yesterday he could see the Edgartown police chief's car up ahead, right by the wooden bridge, and Johnny came running down the road toward him, even before he came to a stop.

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Senator Wanders In Daze for Hours

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EDGARTOWN—Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, the only surviving brother in a family pursued by tragedy, narrowly escaped death early yesterday when his car plunged into a pond on a sparsely inhabited island off the coast of Martha's Vineyard.

A passenger, Mary Jo Kopechne, 28, of Washington, a former campaign worker for the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was drowned.

The car went off a wooden bridge, turned over and sank to the bottom of Poucha Pond.

Police said the accident occurred between midnight and 1 a.m. yesterday on Chappaquiddick Island, where Kennedy was visiting with friends at a small cottage.

Staffers for Robert and Edward Kennedy had been having a reunion there.

Police Chief James Arena said last night that he will go to the Edgartown District Court tomorrow to file an application for a complaint charging Kennedy with leaving the scene of an accident without making himself known.

He said also he would issue a Registry of Motor Vehicles violation citation against Kennedy on the same complaint.

After the accident, Kennedy swam to safety, although he told Edgartown police he could not

remember how he got out of the car.

He told police he repeatedly dived into the pond to see if Miss Kopechne was still trapped but that he was unable to do anything.

Police said Kennedy did not go to the station until about 10 a.m.

"I was exhausted and in a state of shock," he told them.

Dr. Robert D. Watt, the Kennedy family physician, on Cape Cod, reported last night that the senator "has a slight concussion at the back of his head."

Watt said he gave the senator a sedative "to help relieve the pain."

Kennedy then retired and was resting comfortably, Watt said.

He plans to see Kennedy again today.

Edgartown Police Chief Dominick J. Arena said the car was first seen about 8 a.m. yesterday by some boys who were going fishing near the narrow wooden bridge.

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DEAD — MARY JO KOPECHNE

Mother in Shock

Ted First to Call Victim's Father

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The phone in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Kopechne at Berkeley Heights, N.J., rang about 10 a.m. yesterday. It was Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, calling to tell them their daughter had been killed in an auto accident the night before.

Mary Jo Kopechne, an attractive 28-year-old blonde and former secretary in the office of the late Robert F. Kennedy, drowned when a car the senator was driving plunged into a pond on Martha's Vineyard about midnight.

Her 50-year-old father, an insurance man, said at 4 p.m. yesterday that his wife, Gwen, took the call and lapsed into shock.

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All Is Go for Moon Landing Today

By VICTOR K. MCELHENY
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SPACE CENTER, Houston—Two men will attempt to make man's first landing on the moon today. An event that should make this date—July 20, 1969—ring down through the ages.

America's Apollo 11 moon-ship entered orbit around the moon at 1:22 p.m. EDT yesterday to begin 24 hours of preparation for today's landing, which is to carry astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin down to a desolate spot in the Sea of Tranquility.

All portents for the scheduled landing are favorable. The equipment of Apollo 11, fruit of a decade of intense engineering effort, has worked flawlessly since takeoff from Cape Kennedy, Fla., at 9:32 a.m. last Wednesday.

So far the voyage of Armstrong, Aldrin and crewmate Michael Collins has been amazingly smooth, with all indications that the scheduled 4:14 p.m. moonship landing today and Armstrong's first

step on the moon at 2:16 a.m. will take place as planned.

The three Americans joined Russia's Luna 15, which was in its third day of orbiting the moon. Its mission never disclosed, Luna changed its course slightly during the day. The Soviets have assured

Did Luna 15 Make First Scoop?

United Press International

MOSCOW—Russia's mysterious Luna 15 moon ship sent out an unusually long burst of signals yesterday and moved into a slightly higher orbit, causing speculation both in Moscow and at Britain's Jodrell Bank Observatory that some sort of landing might already have been made.

The Soviet government maintained the silence

U.S. space officials that Luna will not interfere with Apollo 11.

The astronauts made a vital test of the fragile machine named Eagle that two of them will fly to the surface of the moon today.

Aldrin crawled from the command ship into

it has maintained since Luna 15 was launched last Sunday but scientific sources have predicted it would scoop up some moon soil ahead of Apollo 11. However, there was no confirmation of speculation that this might have been accomplished by a lunar module.

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the small lunar lander called Eagle at 6:58 p.m. to test the equipment.

The Air Force colonel powered up the lunar module for the first time since it was rocketed away from Cape Kennedy four days and 250,000 miles ago.

He also tested the communications systems that will carry word and picture of man's first step on another celestial body.

Collins conducted lunar tracking photography.

He also reported that a small pool of water had formed in one corner of the command module. This occurred in previous Apollo flights and officials said it poses no problem.

Earlier, Armstrong and Aldrin reported sighting some mysterious lunar lights in an area where some scientists believe there are volcanoes.

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Rain May Fall

SUNDAY — Cool, possible showers. MONDAY — Chance of showers. (Page 66).

High Tides
3:36 a.m. 4:06 p.m.

Stores Open

Massachusetts merchants, in accord with practices in other retail areas, including New York, Philadelphia and Washington, will be open regular hours on "Moon Day," July 21. Banks will also be open. The stock market will be closed.

Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON 5, Baltimore 3 (n).
Detroit 10, Cleveland 4.
Chicago 5, Kansas City 4.
Oakland 3, California 2.
Minnesota-Seattle (N).
N.Y. York 9, Washington 0.
Washington 4, New York 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia 5, Chicago 3.
Montreal 5, New York 4.
Cincinnati 10, Houston 9 (11).
Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 2.
San Diego 6, Atlanta 1.
San Fran. 5, Los Angeles 4.

RED SOX TODAY

Baltimore at Fenway (Cue-
lar vs. Culp), 2 p.m. TV-
Channel 5.

Historical Timetable: From Landing to First Step

United Press International
SPACE CENTER, Houston—The Apollo 11 timetable, based on the revised NASA flight plan. Times are approximate.
TODAY
7:27 a.m. (EDT)—Crew awakens.

9:27 — Aldrin enters Moon lander without his spacesuit.

10:15 — Armstrong enters Moon lander, wearing spacesuit, and starts final check of systems.

10:42 — Aldrin exits lander, puts on spacesuit in command ship and returns to landing craft.

1:42 p.m.—Lunar lander and command ship separate slightly.

3:06 — Astronauts fire descent engine in lunar lander, drop it into lower Moon orbit and begin the long ride down toward the surface.

4:02—Lander's big engine begins final descent

approach firing, braking ship out of orbit at 50,000-foot altitude on sloping path toward the selected landing site.

4:14 — Lander touches down on lunar Sea of Tranquility.

6:58—Two men begin four-hour rest period, prior to leaving Moon lander's cabin.

TOMORROW
2:07 a.m. — Armstrong leaves lander and begins five-minute descent of ladder. He pulls on D-ring, opening equipment stowage area door and allowing television camera a view of surface and foot of ladder.

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